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SUBJ: COUP IN BANGLADESH: SITUATION REPORT NO. 7

1. PEOPLE APPEAR TO HAVE GONE BACK TO WORK IN DACCA  
TODAY, LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO A GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE  
TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIES TO RESUME WORK  
AND A SEPARATE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE TO EMPLOYEES  
OF ALL GOVERNMENT AND SEMIGOVERNMENTAL BODIES TO  
ATTEND OFFICE PUNCTUALLY TODAY. OFFICERS-IN-  
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CHARGE ARE BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF THEIR UNITS AND GOVERNMENT; NO "NEGLIGENCE OR SLACKNESS" WILL BE TOLERATED, ACCORDING ANNOUNCEMENTS. GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS ARE ALSO MAKING MUCH OF FACT THAT DOMESTIC FLIGHTS, TRAINS, AND LAUNCHES ARE RUNNING ON SCHEDULE AND THAT FOOD GRAINS ARE BEING MOVED EXPEDITIOUSLY OUT OF CHITTAGONG AND CHALMA PORTS. AS FURTHER EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE RETURN TO NORMAL, UNIVERSITIES ARE CONTINUING WITH EXAMINATIONS TODAY.

2. WE QUESTION, HOWEVER, HOW MUCH WORK IS BEING DONE; GOVERNMENT OFFICES CONTACTED RE ROUTINE MATTERS SEEM UNWARE OF WHO IS IN CHARGE OR WHEN FURTHER DIRECTIVES WILL BE COMING. A CASE IN POINT IS THE RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR FLIGHTS; SENIOR AVIATION OFFICIALS CAN ONLY SAY THAT "THEY HAVE NOT YET INFORMED US." MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS HAVE YET TO BE PROMULGATED ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT THEM TODAY OR TOMORROW.

3. THERE IS STILL NO CLEAR COUNT ON NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN COUP. DESPITE WIDE SPREAD RUMORS (REPORTED DCAA 3951), FORMER PRIME MINISTER MANSOOR ALI WAS NOT KILLED. SUNDAY HE CALLED ON PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE" AND STAYED WITH HIM FOR SOME TIME" ACCORDING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. TV AND PRESS CARRIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MEETING. THE NUMBER OF THOSE UNACCOUNTED FOR IS DECREASING. ONE OF MCUJIB'S INFLUENTIAL BROTHERS-IN-LAW APPARENTLY SURVIVES; SYED HOSSAIN, WHO WAS ADDITIONAL SECRETARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION, IS SAID TO BE IN CUSTODY AND TO HAVE SIGNED RESIGNATION PAPERS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE. TOFAEL AHMED, FORMERLY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MUJIB, IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST, AND ABDUR RAZZAK, A BAKSAL SECRETARY, IS REPORTEDLY A FUGITIVE. RUMOR HAS IT THE OTHER BAKSAL SECRETARY, ZILLUR RAHMAN, IS HOLED UP IN THE SOVIET CULTURAL CENTER, A FEW DOORS AWAY FROM HIS DHANMONDI RESIDENCE. MANY OF THE GOVERNORS AND MPS APPARENTLY WENT INTO HIDING AS A PRECAUTION AND HAVE NOT YET SURFACED. SOME OF OUR MP CONTACTS, HOWEVER, ARE SITTING IT OUT AT HOME, APPREHENSIVE AND ESSENTIALLY NON-COMMITTAL UNTIL THEY

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SEE WHAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS IN MIND FOR BAKSAL.

4. ALTHOUGH VIOLENCE OF COUP WAS AIMED AT MUJIB AND HIS TRIBE, THE INNOCENT WERE BOUND TO SUFFER. FOR EXAMPLE, IN MOHAMMEDPUR, ONE HALF MILE FROM SHEIKH MUJIB'S HOUSE, A REPORTED 12 PERSONS DIED AND PERHAPS TWICE THAT NUMBER WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WHEN MORTARS SHELLS INTENDED TO COVER ATTACK ON THE SHEIKH

CARRIED WELL BEYOND THEIR TARGET.

5. PRESS IS CARRYING BBC REPORT THAT ARAB YEMEN REPUBLIC (SANA) HAS RECOGNIZED THE NEW GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH PRESS AUGUST 16 REPORTED PAKISTANI RECOGNITION, THERE HAS YET BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE PAKISTANI GIFT OF RICE AND CLOTH.  
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